

WESTFIELD 6TH FORM PROSPECTUS



Timetable

Students follow a varied curriculum designed to maximise application of functional skills in English and Maths. This includes Speaking and Listening, Reading and writing, number, measures and handling data. Everyone accesses PSHE groups and one to one input if necessary. Business Enterprise and economic education are important areas of learning with funds raised going towards paying for the 6th form residential in the summer term. Financial awareness includes earning money, spending money and saving money, as students learn about budgeting. Work related learning includes learning about the world of work and is supported by work experience. Students also make choices in their personal timetable such as horticulture, catering, creative media, drama and aspects of preparation for work. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle, making healthy choices and keeping fit and healthy is a big focus in 6th form; students make their own lunch weekly. Keep fit videos are used daily.

Qualifications

Qualifications are offered in English and maths and ICT as well as vocational choices.

Privileges

6th Form students have several privileges to reflect their young adult status.

Students are not required to wear uniform as long as clothes are appropriate for the timetable.

Music can be listened to on an MP3 player (non-photography gadget) at unstructured times of the day ie break time, lunchtime

and at the gym. MP3 players must be signed in at the beginning of each day and counter signed by staff in order to be registered in school. Mp3 players and headphones are to be kept in student lockers during lesson time.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones can be brought to school to support travel training. They are signed in each morning counter signed by school staff. They are kept in a box in the secure office and turned off during the day. They are safely stored until needed, or at the end of the day when they are signed out. They are stored away from students so that photos cannot be taken by students and used outside of school. Students are encouraged to have a passcode on their phone to keep it safe and private.

Dress code

Uniform is not required. Students should wear comfortable, clean clothes, that fit and cover the body. Tailored shorts can be worn in the summer. For outdoor work, overalls and boots are worn. Students may bring their own overalls and boots for horticulture and practical lessons. Overalls are worn for maintenance tasks and using equipment in the workshop such as the mug press. Aprons, hairnets and catering jackets are worn for catering lessons. Clean clothes are expected for hygiene reasons. Students taking part in catering work experience are expected to have good personal hygiene ie shower, hair wash, clean nails and clean clothes.

Students are expected to shower after taking part in outdoor activities. Students should check with school staff before making big changes to what they wear or hair colour which may affect work experience. Long hair should be tied up for catering and work

experience. T-shirts with scary masks and images should not be worn in account of younger students being scared.

Jewellery may be worn ie necklace, bracelet, earrings, ring, watch, small nose ring. These items must be taken off for catering or when doing any practical work. No more than three items to be worn at any one time.

Work experience

Work experience is offered to students as a valuable extension to the curriculum. Student's interests and strengths are taken into account.

Work Places have included:

Pavilion Café

Grange Court Café

Berrington Hall grounds and café

Halo Leisure Centre

Leominster Library

Day One

Phil Prothero Cycles

Hedgehog Class – Childcare

Wyevale Garden Centre

Residential Holidays

Students are given the opportunity to experience a holiday with their friends in the summer term. Students new to 6th form or nervous of staying away from home access a nearby residential such as Kington or Clun. Students with more experience of staying away from home

and more confidence access a four night holiday further from school such as Manchester, Liverpool, Street and Cardiff. Youth hostels are used for accommodation with lots of visits and activities arranged and planned by the students.

Showcase

At the end of the academic year the 6th form hold a celebration evening at Grange Court in Leominster. The students' work and achievements over the year are displayed, including a range of photographs and artwork. Certificates for qualification are handed out to the years leavers. Smart clothes are worn and refreshments are served. Parents, carers, governors and friends of Westfield 6th form are invited to attend. It is an important celebration for 6th form students and represents the culmination of their time at Westfield.

Leavers Lunch

Students leaving the 6th form have a celebration lunch at the Sports and Social Club in Leominster. Upper school students and staff are invited to attend. Leavers' families are invited and sit with their son or daughter on a top table. Cards and gifts are presented to the students. Tissues are optional!